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## Winsome Inn Owners Updating Motel



Photo/Kristi Dvorak

Arnold Winsome Inn & Suites owners Holly and Scott Remund have been updating the motel since last August. Holly says the project has been “a family affair” since the beginning.

When Holly and Scott Remund purchased Arnold Winsome Inn & Suites in 2012 the furnishings, décor and linens were pretty basic. In August of 2019, the couple set out to update the motel to a modern farmhouse style, and with the exception of a couple of rooms, they’re almost finished.

“It has been a family project,” said Holly. “My sisters and sister-in-law came up with the design ideas. All of them travel so much that they had the experience of seeing different designs

and had some ideas that would work for us. Our kids, nieces and nephews have all helped – it has been a whole family effort.”

Son Rio made knotty pine benches for the lobby and the tables were refinished. The knotty pine motif has been used in all of the rooms, with family making the bedframes, headboards and shelf pieces.

Kerry Gunther did a lot of the painting, changing the wall colors from green to light grey, which has brightened the

whole motel up.

Quilts, Navajo blankets, straw hats and old-time photos of Arnold decorate the walls. Quilts came from all over, the family already had the straw hats, and several Navajo blankets were purchased from Sugar Sand Boutique in Arnold. Old-time photos weren’t hard to find. Holly chose some from her grandparents’ collection and Suanne Lind donated from her mother’s - Norene Hall-Mills –

collection. Others donating were Genevieve Collier and Dee Hall. New comforters and linens were purchased for the rooms.

Over the months, updates have been made as revenue was available. COVID-19 helped with time, but not with revenue, until funding became available.

“It has made a huge difference. The rooms are lightened up,” said Holly. “The style of linens is very common now in the industry and guests like that style. They like the cleanliness and are responding very well. The intent was to modernize, but be flexible to change the design in the future.”



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Motel rooms are now furnished with knotty pine headboards and bed frames made by the Remund family, with new linens and comforters. A new coat of light grey paint brightened everything up.

## Loup Basin HD Reports Largest Single Week Jump In COVID-19 Cases

Burwell, NE - As of Friday, October 9, 2020, three hundred and ninety-seven (397) COVID-19 cases have been reported by Loup Basin Public Health Department (LPHD).

This increase is the largest single week jump in LPHD’s district. Single digit (less than 10 cases) increases occurred

within the district from May 22nd through July 31st. An average of 16 new cases a week were reported each week in August and 23 cases per week in September. The first two weeks of October have had surges of 48 and 75 cases.

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## Another Historical Marker In Place Eggleson Building Has Long History of Ownership



Courtesy photo

Tony and Krista Eggleson stand by the historical marker that has been placed on their building on Highway 92.

This week *The Sentinel* continue its series on historical markers being placed on buildings in Arnold. A project of Arnold Rotary, Berni Crow is organizer. The marker placed at the Krista and Tony Eggleson building on Highway 92 reads as follows:

### Alex Robertson's Bank - Built in 1884

In 1886, the first building to be placed on this corner was Alex Robertson's Bank, an ornate building built by Sylvester Edwards in 1884. (Arnold was established in 1883.) His bank pictured above, facing west, started out as Blum's Clothing store, but in 1886 when it was moved to this site, from the corner where Forrester's Garage/Sandhills Motors was,

Alex Robertson transformed it into a bank. As the new owner, Robertson became the first banker in Arnold. Various businesses occupied the site after Robertson moved out. It was A.G. and M.E. Hoffman's General Store before they sold to F.W. Spegal in 1910. A Café was run by Mrs. Harry Reed on the lower floor while she rented out rooms on the upper floor. Spegal's building had also housed Mrs. Bedford's Novelty Shop, Charles Beardsley's Optometrist Office and Jewelry business, and Mrs. Beardsley's Lunch Room. Beardsley's shared the lower floor with Harold Bedford for his Sentinel Office. The building was torn down in 1917 due to fire damage. In 1918, Ed Cleveland was the next to build

on this site located along the “White Way” highway. His stay was short-lived, selling his Real Estate office to Charlie Clark who reopened it as “White Way” café in 1924. The café was painted entirely white inside and outside. In a series of business changes, Frank Alexander left his manager position at the Farmers Union Store, bought the Sylvester Edwards corner, sold the grocery (north of Finch drug), moved Charlie's café off the Edward's corner, and then built a modern Gas Station, in 1925. Alexander's Gas Station remained on the corner for 40 years, the longest any building had stood on this site up to that time. Meanwhile, Charlie Clark managed to sell 40 meals while his café was on skids waiting to be moved to its new home. In the next 10 years, Alexander sold to Harry Will, who then sold to W.A. (Lonnie) Brewer and Emery Messersmith in 1935. In 1939, Brewer and Lonnie Swisher took it over from Persis and Vernon Tubbs. Harry Weber was the last owner of the gas station on this site. While he was owner, Weber tore down the canopy. He remained at Weber's Gas Station for 30 years, before moving to the Swisher Gas Station (Grazer's Corner). Bill and Marge Hagler tore down the Weber station in 1965, in order to build their modern café. A contest to “name the café” was held, with Kenneth Nansel's entry “Model Café” earning the winning vote. The move to this final corner was the third move for the Haglers who had first taken over Archie Geiser's café in the building catty-corner from this site. After two years, they moved their café to the Finch Drug Store building, before finally building and settling on the third corner (present) at the same intersection. The construction was completed on their “Model Café”, opening its doors in January of 1966. Marge employed many people through those years in her café and many travelers came back through Arnold just for her ‘homemade’ meals. Fresh out of teacher's college, I paid off some of my college loans while working at the Model Café in the mid 1970's...Marge was an amazing lady! Many Arnold residents today can tell you about their fond memories of working for Marge Hagler. Patty Lamberty shared, “If you worked for her, your meals were free (even if you weren't on shift at the time).” For years, Arnold Rotary had their weekly meetings in the large east room of the café. Many remember the article that was in the New York Times featuring Arnold's Model Café. The stores east of the Model Café (presently Krista Eggleson's “Kreative Edge”) were built in the 1930s by local carpenters. Carpenters still had jobs during the depression. Lon Smith built all three buildings. Haught Garage (H & O Motors, Forrester's) was at the east end of the block while the Model Café was at the west end. Smith built a shop attached to the east side of Kreative Edge, that was a barber shop. Foran's Barber shop was located where the vacant lot is now. Prior to that, it was owned by Andy and “Fussy” Comer in their combined ‘barber and beauty’ shop. Their daughter Lucille worked with her mother and later, after she married Harry Peters, opened Lucille's Beauty Shop in her home. The long-loved Model Café was sold to Vic and Jeanie Allen who ran it from 1995-2000, before selling to Sid and Reta Siddal. The Siddals ran it a short time until it was purchased by John and Mary Beshaler around 2001. Other businesses that had passed through its doors were: John and Karla Rockwell's “Country Corner Café” 2001-2002. During the years 2003-2006, the café was then rented to Mike (Kiwi) Forest and Tami Koubek, who named it “Kiwi's Café”. Duane and Joyce Kautz had a Donut and Sub Sandwich place, Circa 2006-2007, and a feed store was in the back during that time. Around 2008, John Beshaler sold the building by auction. Carmen Purcell purchased it and subsequently sold it to Krista and Tony Eggleson in December of 2011. Krista Eggleson opened the Salon in March of 2013. She remodeled the west café section and transformed the cafe into a ‘beautiful’ beauty salon with several styling stations, naming it “Kreative Edge”. Spracklin Chiropractic had his business

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